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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

Cancel non-elected claims 14 and 15 drawn to a snap-on steering column shroud assembly mounting method.

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 beginning at line 23 of page 3 as follows:

The shroud assembly 10, is mounted on the upper end of a vehicle steering column assembly 12. The steering column assembly 12 has an upper shaft 14 with male splines 16 that engage steering wheel splines in a steering wheel bore (not shown). A nut 18 clamps a steering wheel to the shaft 14. The upper steering shaft 14 is connected to a lower

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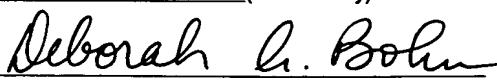
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